Based on this report and the technical feasibility of the proposal the project is approved. Rs. 3.83 crores have been released to various agencies by the reconstituted National Wastelands Development Board during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 as per State-wise details given in the Annexure. [*see* Appendix 171, Annexure No. 72] 133 Non-Government Organisations have been funded under the Grant-in-Aid scheme. These include proposals approved by the National Wastelands Development Board and those that were transferred by the erstwhile National Wastelands Development Board in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(d) Any registered non-profit Organisation, Cooperative, Company or Trust and recognised School, College and University can submit a project under the Grant-in-Aid scheme to the National Wastelands Development Board for financial assistance for development of non-forest wastelands. This scheme is subject to pre-sanction scrutiny through the State Forest Department or the District Rural Development Agency. The District Rural Development Agency examines the credibility and capability of the organisation. Based on this report and the technical viability of the project the project is approved and first release is made to the Non-Government Organisation. The project is generally to be implemented in a period ranging from 3 to 5 years. Further monitoring is done through progress reports which give details of the physical and financial progress achieved by the Non-Government Organisations in the implementation of the project. After the first instalment is released & utilised the project is evaluated by sending an independent evaluator to the site. On the basis of this evaluation the second instalment is released. Before release of subsequent instalments the procedure enumerated above is repeated.

(e) and (f) Reports from the State Forest Department or the District Rural Development Agency are called as explained earlier at the pre-sanction appraisal and in some cases at the stage of subsequent releases also.

Welfare of Handloom Weavers in Rural Areas

4205. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:
SHRI B. K. HARI PRASAD:
SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes that are being implemented for the welfare of the handloom weavers with the funds at the disposal of district collectors under Rural Development;

(b) the amounts so far spent under each scheme, State-vise for the Welfare of the handloom weavers; and

(c) whether representations have been received to revise the schemes so that the same may be really beneficial to handloom weavers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Instructions have been issued to all concerned in the States/UTs for:

(i) Provision of 1 loom each to the loomless weavers under IRDP;

(ii) Training under TRYSEM for loomless weavers;

(iii) Coverage of SC/ST weavers households under Indira Awas Yojana;

(iv) Provision of common facilities centres in rural areas.

These benefits are to be given to eligible weavers living below poverty line.

(b) No separate funds have been earmarked and the above support is to be provided through the ongoing programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development.

(c) Representations received in this

regard have been sent to the concerned nodal Ministry.

Water Table in Plateau Areas of Madhya Pradesh

4206. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ground water table is constantly falling, particularly in plateau areas of Madhya Pradesh as a result of which hand pumps are not working there;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to provide potable water and to check further fall in the ground water table in those areas;

(c) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted a number of proposals regarding sewerage projects and projects for raising the ground water table to the Ministry of Rural Development, if so, what are the details thereof and by when these projects are likely to be cleared; and

(d) what is the number of water supply schemes of Madhya Pradesh pending with the Government of India and by when these schemes will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. In the Plateau region of Madhya Pradesh due to less recharge of ground water compared to its extra-action, the ground water table goes down resulting in less efficiency or drying up of the tubewells.

(b) The following steps have taken:

(i) Schemes for Water Harvesting Structures in Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned. The details are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

District	Total cost of approved schemes	Funds released	Expenditure reported up to 3/94
Jhabua	111.080	111.080	130.750
Rajgarh	143.060	143.060	170.170
Shahdool	314.600	306.870	301.430

(ii) In the review meeting held on 2nd August, 1994, the State Government has been requested to take effective measures to protect and control overdrawal of ground water in the dark and grey blocks identified by Central Ground Water Board.

(c) No scheme for sewerage projects has been received. However, Govt. of M.P. have submitted the following water conservation and recharge projects:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	Cost
1.	Shajapur	270.00
2.	Dhar	1120.88
3.	Karahal block (Morena)	513.39
4.	Mandla	198.00
5.	Rajgarh	656.00
6.	Rajnandgoan	500.00
7.	Dewas	103.73

An amount of Rs. 25 Lakh has been